

17 years of age, he joined the United States Marine Corps. After serving in the Marines Corps, Richard returned home and continued to serve his community as a San Joaquin County Deputy Marshall and then as San Joaquin County Deputy Sheriff. He concurrently enlisted in the National Guard and was deployed to Iraq in 2003.

While Richard was serving in his roles with San Joaquin County, he befriended his colleague, Doug Taylor, and Doug's son, Mark Taylor. Richard was inspired by Mark, a successful surgeon who decided that he needed to help not only his country but also innocent victims of war abroad. With this passion, Mark joined the United States Army, serving with the 82nd Airborne Division in Iraq. Tragically, Lieutenant Colonel Mark Taylor was killed in action in Fallujah, Iraq. Doug was heartbroken and shortly passed after his son's death. Richard was grief-stricken by the passing of his friends and decided to make it his life's mission to honor both Doug and Mark.

Richard recalled stories told by Mark of the great need for humanitarian aid in Iraq. One day while reading the newspaper, he was moved by a story about a children's hospital in Basra, Iraq that was left unbuilt, leaving the children without access to medical care. He felt compelled to act and started making phone calls. Although it took nearly two years to secure supplies and find transportation for this mission, in 2009 he was able to personally deliver almost 5 million dollars' worth of medical supplies to the hospital. Following this experience, Richard felt he needed to do more, and decided that providing whatever aid he could to civilians in a warzone was the best way to pay homage to the lives of his belated friends, Doug and Mark.

When Richard delivered supplies to Basra, he learned of the great need for humanitarian aid in Kurdistan in northern Iraq. From 2010 to 2014, Richard traveled back and forth from the United States to Iraq to bring much-needed supplies to the Kurdish minority in that region. Richard operated as a one-man team and paid for the supplies and trips out of his own pocket.

In 2014, ISIL started to gain ground in Iraq, so Richard turned his attention to the plight of the Yazidis in Iraq. Yazidis, especially women and children, were systematically persecuted by ISIL forces. Richard visited refugee camps and asked what the people needed. Everything from medical supplies to warm clothing was requested. Richard, without hesitation, went to work again, journeying back and forth from the United States to Iraq to bring supplies and aid. He traveled at least twice a year to provide lifesaving help to the Yazidis.

Aside from aid and supplies, Richard also brought attention to the plight of refugees through his documentary, "The Longest Road." He traveled the world recounting his firsthand experiences and sharing how ordinary people can step up to help others in need. Along the way, Richard was able to make new friends and acquaintances who helped him on his journey of service.

In February of 2022, as war broke out in Ukraine, Richard was once again drawn to help. He took a detour while returning from Iraq to visit Ukraine. There, he found himself in a church with Ukrainian civilians and promised them that he would return with help, and as he had done before, Richard went back home to secure supplies. He kept his promise, delivering aid to the people of Ukraine.

To this day, Richard continues to help people around the world. He first served his country as a soldier and law enforcement officer and now serves the world as a humanitarian. Richard Campos is the epitome of heroism and selflessness, and to that end, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing him for his distinguished service.

#### RECOGNIZING MARILYN AND C.L. FORDYCE UPON THEIR 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Marilyn and C.L. Fordyce upon their 70th Wedding Anniversary. They are wonderful people that, through thick and thin, have stood by each other's side.

Christmas Day in 1952, days before C.L. Fordyce left for Army basic training, he had the good fortune of marrying Marilyn Sanders in the home of her aunt and uncle. For 2 years, C.L. served in the First Armored Division and Marilyn worked for MFA Agri-Service and managed to wreck "only" 1 car. Upon C.L.'s return the couple moved into the home that he and his wife continue to share today. The marriage they share has seen nearly any and everything that a person could see. Good times, bad times, victory, loss, children, grandchildren, all of the ingredients of a full life. With all of that, they continue to be a rock for their community, friends and, most importantly, their family. We should all be so blessed.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Marilyn and C.L. Fordyce for their Seventieth Wedding Anniversary. They are incredible people who set a sterling example of what marriage should be. I am extremely proud to represent them in the United States House of Representatives.

#### RECOGNIZING SHERIFF JOHN D'AGOSTINI

#### HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, you want to understand successful law enforcement, the first place to look is the career of El Dorado County Sheriff John D'Agostini. It's not hard: it was under his leadership—indeed, because of his leadership—that the day-to-day operations of his department became the subject of the popular TV series, "The Sheriffs of El Dorado County"—that ran from 2014 to 2019.

It is the very definition of successful policing—pioneered by Sir Robert Peale and perfected and practiced by Sheriff D'Agostini. Ideal police departments are run as extensions of the communities they serve—they work in partnership with local citizens—and this was the heart of Sheriff D'Agostini's success.

I've seen that in action over and over. During the devastating King Fire, I watched him at his post even when his own ranch was immi-

nently threatened. During the Caldor Fire, he opened that same ranch to the stream of evacuees who had fled the devastation with only the clothes on their backs. I can't tell you the number of times I watched him during these terrifying disasters—always calm, always focused, always reassuring, and omnipresent.

He is loved by his community and his department because he loves them—and that caring is what binds the community to the Sheriff's department and exemplified and indeed, defined, his successful record of modern policing.

He was first elected in 2010 by a margin of less than 1,300 votes. But as he proved himself—he became a beloved institution in the community and won re-election overwhelmingly in 2014 and 2018—and would have won by acclamation in 2022, but for the fact that he chose to retire back into the community he has so faithfully served and protected.

They were not all easy years. He lost a deputy to an illegal alien in an illegal marijuana grow in 2019 and became a national figure warning of the dangers that our porous border and sanctuary policies present to communities across America and to those who risk their lives to protect us.

When state bureaucrats ordered businesses to shut down during the Covid hysteria, Sheriff D'Agostini stood up for the constitutional rights of his constituents and refused to destroy their livelihoods. His courageous stand has since been affirmed by the mounting evidence that the lockdowns cost lives, destroyed livelihoods and did nothing to slow the spread of the disease.

Sheriff D'Agostini worked his way up through the ranks, first graduating from the Sacramento County Sheriff's Academy in 1993. Throughout his career, Sheriff D'Agostini served in numerous positions including Patrol Deputy, Detective, SWAT Team Member, Narcotics Investigator, Rangemaster and Firearms Instructor, and investigator for the Amador County District Attorney's Office.

Sheriff D'Agostini is well known for his many accomplishments and contributions to the community including his leadership in constructing a new Public Safety Headquarters located in Placerville. This building now provides local law enforcement with emergency operation services, a 9–1–1 dispatch center, a morgue, an evidence building, a special operations and training building, as well as an indoor shooting range and armory.

Madam Speaker, without law enforcement there is no law, and without law there is no civilization, which is why it is impossible to overstate the necessity of our local police departments and the law and order they uphold within our communities. I am proud today to congratulate John on his numerous accomplishments and his exemplary leadership, and on behalf of grateful citizens across El Dorado County, to thank him for his extraordinary service.

El Dorado County has been extremely fortunate to have had his leadership for the past 12 years. And although he isn't going anywhere—he's retiring right back into the community that raised him, and although his successor is well prepared under his tutelage to carry on his successful policies—it won't stop us from missing him in the role he defined and the responsibilities he discharged so well.

# REINTRODUCTION OF THE STUDENTS HELPING YOUNG STUDENTS ACT

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 21, 2022*

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to reintroduce the Students Helping Young Students Act. This important legislation will invest in college students who support and mentor K–12 students at after-school activities. This legislation will make a meaningful difference in the lives of all Hoosier students, and young Americans across the country, by ensuring that college students can be compensated for the critical work of mentoring and supporting their younger counterparts.

It is an honor to represent students of all ages in Indiana's Seventh District. I am continually impressed by the many college students in my district and across the country that, in addition to their studies, help mentor and support K–12 students in after-school programs. These college students, by serving as powerful examples and mentors, continue to inspire my colleagues and I about the importance of peer mentorship opportunities. This includes the crucial role of workstudy programs in helping students finance their postsecondary education.

Several examples in Indiana underscore the importance of supporting mentorship programs, both to the mentee and the mentor. The influence and investment from a mentor can improve younger lives and outcomes. Their stories are common: in fact, at-risk youth that have a mentor are 55 percent more likely to attend college. Moreover, at-risk youth that have a mentor are 52 percent less likely to skip a day of school and 46 percent less likely to use drugs. Mentoring also increases community engagement, as at-risk students are 78 percent more likely to volunteer in their community and are 130 percent more likely to hold a leadership role in clubs or teams with a mentor in their lives. Mentoring not only helps students stay away from drugs and violence, but also live healthier lives and improve school performance. Mentees participating in mentorship programs have also performed higher on the Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress (ISTEP) tests.

Because of these unmistakable benefits, Congress must do more to support these after-school programs and their student mentors. Although after-school mentorship programs often intersect with students' courses of study and benefit the community, after-school

activities are not currently considered a community service under the Federal Work-Study program. This means that college students cannot rely on compensation from Federal Work-Study for their participation in after-school activities.

The Federal Work-Study program has helped support undergraduate and graduate students, who have exhibited financial need, find part-time jobs. In the 2018 school year, the Federal Work-Study program employed about 600,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Across all higher education, 7 in 10 college students work at least 15 hours per week to help cover their tuition, and 1 in 4 work more than 35 hours a week. While mentorship's benefits are clear, the absence of after-school activities from consideration as work-study programs causes students with financial need to more often pursue other opportunities. This means that many students are unable to serve in mentorship roles, for financial reasons, even if it aligns with their course of study. This challenge exacerbates the widening mentoring gap, which includes the over 9 million young people without a mentor outside their family to support their growth and education.

As a result, more needs to be done to help compensate students who choose to serve their communities by mentoring younger students. That is why the Students Helping Young Students Act is so important. This bill incorporates work at after-school programs into the Federal Work-Study Program under community service by making participation in these programs eligible for federal funds. In short, this bill allows college students to access Federal Work-Study funds for their participation in after-school activities. Moreover, this legislation requires eligible schools to allocate federal funds to students who want to work with after-school programs.

Through the Students Helping Young Students Act, after-school mentoring programs will count as community service under the Federal Work-Study program. Students can be compensated for their work, including time spent in training and travel, directly related to the program. This will allow any student who wishes to serve in their community to participate in mentorship activities, regardless of their financial background. As a result, the Students Helping Young Students Act will also help close the mentoring gap and ensure that younger students, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, have the support they need to succeed and reach their goals.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this bill to ensure that Federal Work-Study students are com-

pensated for their mentorship efforts. It is important that Congress supports these students in their pursuit to serve our communities. I urge the House to support this bill.

**HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
LARISSA PLUNTO**

**HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 21, 2022*

Mr. McCAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the professional achievements and dedication of Larissa Plunto, who has served in my office for more than 5 years—first as a regional director and then as a trusted senior policy advisor.

Larissa's heart for people shone through her work in my office. She truly believed that we could enact lasting, positive change. And that's exactly what she strived to do, dedicating much of her time to fighting the scourge of human trafficking across Texas and our Nation.

I am very grateful for Larissa's service to the Houston area and beyond. While she will be missed in my office, I know she will continue following her passions and being a voice for the voiceless wherever she goes.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

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Meetings scheduled for Thursday, December 22, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.